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Genesis, a Manual for the Instruction of Children in Matters Sexual. By B. S. TALMEY, M.D. New York: The Practitioners' Publishing Co., 1910. Pp. 194. \$1.50.

Assuming that the medical statements are sound, since the author has had the experience of a specialist in gynecology and pediatrics, we call special attention to the fact that within the compass of one hundred and twenty pages we have graded lessons containing all that any intelligent parent needs to know on the subject. A series of graded lessons is much needed, in which the "apperceptive mass" of infancy and early childhood, middle childhood, later childhood, approach to puberty, early adolescence, and middle adolescence, is made the standard for the materials to be presented. This task seems to be well done, and any adult, if otherwise competent, may be in position to give wise and safe counsel and direction to young persons on this vital subject. It is a pity that it is still necessary to give up about fifty pages to prove that children have a right to know from their responsible elders the most vital facts of existence.

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Salair et droit à l'existence. Par J. A. RYAN, traduit par LAZARE COLLIN. Paris: V. Giard et E. Brière, 1910. Pp. 47+355. Fr. 8.

American students already know the work of their Catholic colleague under the title of *The Living Wage*; the historical preface of Professor Brocard, of Nancy, introduces it to French readers and indicates the position of the author in the ranks of the social students of the ancient church. Ashley has insisted that the mediaeval doctrine of "fair price" is not unreasonable or obsolete; Professor Ryan employs it for a practical purpose and demands a readjustment of ideas which will place human beings before property and profits. He is not of that school of economists, increasingly rare, who believe that the supreme power of the universe is jealous of human intervention to raise wages, prevent starvation, and abolish disease.

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